

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT BENJAMIN ALLEN BARTELS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 13, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Benjamin Allen Bartels of Pella, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Benjamin is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 373 in Pella, IA and Mid Iowa Council in Des Moines, IA. He is also a freshman at Pella High School.

The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about 5 percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Benjamin's Eagle Scout Project included the planning, organizing, procuring of materials, and construction of a GaGa ball pit in Caldwell Park in Pella. The work ethic Benjamin has shown in his Eagle Project, and every other project leading to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Benjamin and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. TURNER F. GASSAWAY, JR.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 13, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Turner F. Gassaway, Jr., who passed away in June at the age of 97.

Mr. Gassaway was raised on his family's farm in Elm Mott, Texas. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. As a First Lieutenant, Gassaway flew 35 combat missions in a B-17 as part of the 388th Bombardment Group of the 8th Air Force based in southeast England. For his meritorious military service, Gassaway was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, and the European, African and Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with five Bronze Battle Stars.

Upon returning home, Mr. Gassaway began attending the University of Colorado at Boul-

der before transferring to the University of Texas at Austin. During his time at UT Austin, he pitched for the Longhorns. He received his degree from the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. In 1951, Gassaway moved to Denton where he owned and operated Gassaway Pharmacy and Apothecary for more than 30 years.

As a long-time business owner and pharmacist, Mr. Turner F. Gassaway, Jr. demonstrated his commitment to Denton and the wellbeing of his fellow citizens throughout his life. I am grateful for his service to our country and the North Texas community, and I offer my condolences to his family and loved ones.

TRIBUTE TO COLEEN AND BUZZ KINNICK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 13, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Coleen and Buzz Kinnick of Bayard, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on June 23, 2018.

Coleen and Buzz's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRO- MOTING NATIONAL SERVICE AND REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 13, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Promoting National Service and Reducing Unemployment Act to address one of the greatest workforce tragedies resulting from today's economy—our unemployed young people—to spur economic growth and to alleviate strain on state and local governments. This tragedy is not only harming our young people, but it is also costing our government billions of dollars each year through lost tax revenue and other costs. Unemployment has reached a relative low of 3.8 percent, but my bill targets the almost 2 million young people who have not had a fair chance

to ever use their high school and college education, which this nation has strongly urged them to obtain.

What is particularly disappointing is the high unemployment rate for young people who heeded our advice to graduate from high school and college. The total unemployment rate is currently 9.1 percent for young adults ages 18 to 24, and hundreds of thousands now compete for unpaid internships wherever they can find them. By significantly expanding AmeriCorps, my bill would need no new administrative structure or bureaucracy and would allow unemployed young people to earn a stipend, obtain work experience and develop a good work history to help them secure future employment. The net cost of the expansion would be low because these young people would be providing urgently needed local services that are being eliminated or curtailed because of state and local budget cuts, such as after-school programs, tutoring and assistance for the elderly.

The bill would significantly expand job opportunities for young people who have done everything possible to enter fully into the job market, but, despite their best efforts, remain unemployed in this economy. Participants receive a living allowance and are also eligible for an education award equal to the value of a Pell grant, school-loan forbearance, health care benefits and child care assistance. By expanding the AmeriCorps program, we would reduce the number of unemployed young people, provide them with work skills and experience and help cash-strapped state and local governments provide services that they would otherwise have to cut.

For some time, it has been clear that policies to address the most stubborn forms of unemployment need to be targeted in order to be effective. Without significant targeting, young graduates will continue to face their first years as adults without jobs and with no way to acquire necessary work experience. They deserve better. I ask my colleagues to support this urgently needed, targeted assistance for young, unemployed Americans.

TRIBUTE TO KAREN AND PERRY MCCALLAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 13, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Karen and Perry McCallan of Glenwood, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Karen and Perry's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

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